

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/JP03/02439
International Filing Date: March 3, 2003
Priority Date Claimed: Yes
Title of Invention: SYNTHETIC RESIN CAP, CLOSING DEVICE,
AND CONTAINER-FILLED BEVERAGE
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Tsutsumi

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) (X) a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
 - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
6. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Articles 19 and 34
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
7. (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
8. (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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9. (5) The following fees are submitted:

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| BASIC FEE | | | | \$920 |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | |
| Total Claims | 0 - 20 = | 0 x | \$18 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 3 - 3 = | 0 x | \$86 | \$0 |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | | \$290 | \$0 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$920 |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable). Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | | | \$460 | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE | | | | \$460 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | | | | \$460 |

10. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.

11. (X) A check in the amount of \$460 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

12. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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I hereby certify that the accompanying

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PCT/IB/308 Form; Check for Filing Fee; Return Prepaid Postcard

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.





